



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, February 26, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0977)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Anne S. Hill,
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and
Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and
Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa, Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (14-0978)

Call to Order. (14-0917)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a
moment of silence.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 1. Approval of the February 19, 2014 Minutes. (14-0918)**

The Commissioners had a brief discussion on item #2 (Sheriff's Report) of the February 19, 2014 meeting minutes. The Commission requested staff to draft a correspondence to Commander Ralph Ornelas, Sheriff Department, requesting him to provide information and/or training to the deputies at Twin Towers, on the processes and procedures for tracking the time served (credit earned) by the inmates who are enrolled in the Custody Conservation Work Program.

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 19, 2014 were approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for February 26, 2014. (14-0919)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:

Daily Breeze:

- Interim Sheriff has no Small Task Ahead (February 20, 2014)

Los Angeles Times:

- Foster Mother gets 25-to-Life in Death (February 22, 2014)
- A Better Sheriff's Dept. (February 25, 2014)
- Civilian Oversight for Sheriff? (February 26, 2014)

Commissioner Russell also shared the following articles with the Commission:

Los Angeles Times:

- Failures in Tracking of Felons Told (February 26, 2014)
- Sports Camp is Sidelined (February 25, 2014)

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3. Treasurer's Report for February 26, 2014. (14-0920)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$747.61.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for February 26, 2014. (14-0921)

Staff reported on the correspondence received from Jordan Sosa, one of last year's scholarship recipients, giving the Commission an update on his progress at California State University Fullerton, where he is majoring in Business Management in Entertainment and minoring in Music. He thanked the Commission for assisting to make college possible for him.

Staff also reported on the response from County Counsel regarding the Commissioners inquiry on whether or not it is within the Commission's jurisdiction to reach out to an inmate following a letter from the inmate to the Commission. Per County Counsel, the Commission would be out of their jurisdiction as SBC Commissioners to reach out to the inmate. They are, however, free to reach out to the inmate while acting in their individual capacity and not as SBC Commissioners. She further recommended that it may be better for the Commission to simply forward the letter to the Public Defender and/or the Sheriff's Department for consideration as the Sheriff's Department offers various programs through their Inmate Services Bureau related to mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The Commissioners were also informed of the phone call from Santa Clarita Sheriff Station on February 20, 2014 advising the Commission that the non-satisfactory inspection findings identified during Chair Montano's and Commissioner Andrew's visits in December 2013 have been corrected.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on February 26, 2014. (14-0922)

In Compliance:

- Commissioner Bigby visited Careprovider Organization Foundation, Page 4, #1, on February 25, 2014.

Not Available:

- Commissioner Russell visited Los Angeles Youth Network Group Home, Page 25, #1, on February 25, 2014.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from February 20, 2014 to February 25, 2014. (14-0923)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Edelman's Children's Court on February 20, 2014.
- Chairperson Montaña visited Orange County Children's Foundation, Page 30, #2, on February 20, 2014.

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- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Project Six/ Help Group, Page 34, #4, on February 24, 2014.**
 - **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Penny Lane, Page 31, #4, on February 25, 2014.**
 - **Commissioner Andrews visited Optimist Boys Home, Page 29, #5, on February 20, 2014.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Home was visited, but not inspected:

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Human Services Network, Page 22, #3 on February 21, 2014.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 7.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0924)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

- 8.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0925)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

- 9.** Adjournment for the meeting of February 26, 2014. (14-0926)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of February 26, 2014 at 10:44 a.m.